

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 7:48 PM
To: NIEHS NICEATM
Subject: Phasing Out the Draize

Dear Sir:

As a member of the Humane Society of the United States, I was intrigued to learn that the federal government is experimenting with and developing ways to test chemical irritancies in effective ways that could replace the Draize test.

As a concerned member, I urge you to please recommend that federal agencies immediately begin accepting the alternative methods and to move forward with recommended improvements in alternatives without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms. Also, please ask them to go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating nonanimal methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Concerned HSUS member